

IN THE CLAIMS AMEND

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) A flat, flexible laminated composite material comprising:

- a liquid-impermeable layer (14), and
- a liquid-absorbent layer (16) bonded to the liquid-impermeable layer (14),

wherein a support layer (12) comprising a flexible network layer (34) carries the liquid-impermeable layer (14).

12. (Original) The laminated composite material according to claim 11, wherein the liquid-impermeable layer is a film or sheet material (14).

13. (Original) The laminated composite material according to claim 12, wherein the liquid-absorbent layer (16) includes a pile (22) of a material (24).

14. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 13, wherein the material (24) is selected from the group consisting of cotton and wool.

15. (Original) The laminated composite material according to claim 11, wherein the liquid-absorbent layer (16) includes a pile (22) of a material (24).

16. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 15, wherein the material (24) is selected from the group consisting of cotton and wool.
17. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 15, wherein the liquid-absorbent layer (16) comprises a wooly pile that is substantially higher than 3mm.
18. (Original) The laminated composite material according to claim 11, wherein the liquid-absorbent layer (16) is a fleece layer.
19. (Original) The laminated composite material according to claim 12, wherein the liquid-absorbent layer (16) is a fleece layer.
20. (Original) The laminated composite material according to claim 11, wherein the liquid-absorbent layer (16) contains microcapsules (28);
- the microcapsules (28) being filled with a substance (32); and
 - wherein the microcapsules (28) include a covering (30) that can be degraded or destroyed by at least one of pressure, temperature or moisture.
21. (Original) The laminated composite material according to claim 20, wherein the liquid absorbent layer (16) includes a pile (22) of a material (24), and wherein the liquid absorbent layer (16) contains microcapsules (28), and means for adhering the

microcapsules (28) to the material (24) of the pile (22).

22. (Original) The laminated composite material according to claim 21, wherein the adhering means comprises a bonding agent (26).
23. (Original) The laminated composite material according to claim 11, wherein the flexible network layer (34) comprises a material having a high degree of friction.
24. (Original) The laminated composite material according to claim 23, wherein the flexible network layer (34) comprises rubber.
25. (Original) The laminated composite material according to claim 11, further including a liquid-permeable cover layer (18), the liquid-absorbent layer (16) being positioned between the liquid permeable cover layer (18) and the liquid-impermeable layer (14).
26. (Original) The laminated composite material according to claim 25, wherein at least one of the liquid-permeable cover layer (18) and the liquid-absorbent layer (16) includes a hydrophobic material.
27. (Original) The laminated composite material according to claim 25, further including a bonding agent (26) provided on a plurality of bonding positions (36) spaced

apart from one another and distributed on the liquid-absorbent layer (16) for bonding the liquid-absorbent layer (16) to the liquid-permeable cover layer (18).

28. (Previously Presented) A flat laminated sanitary material comprising:
- a liquid-impermeable layer (14), and
 - a liquid-absorbent layer (16) bonded to the liquid impermeable layer (14), and
 - a support layer (12) comprising a flexible network layer (34) and carrying the liquid-impermeable layer (14).
29. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 28, wherein the liquid-impermeable layer is a film or sheet material (14).
30. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 29, wherein the liquid-absorbent layer (16) includes a pile (22) of a material (24).
31. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 30, wherein the material (24) is selected from the group consisting of cotton and wool.
32. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 29, wherein the liquid-absorbent layer (16) is a fleece layer.
33. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 28,

wherein the liquid-absorbent layer (16) contains microcapsules (28);

- the microcapsules (28) being filled with a substance (32); and
- wherein the microcapsules (28) include a covering (30) that can be degraded or destroyed by at least one of pressure, temperature or moisture.

34. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 32, wherein the liquid absorbent layer (16) includes a pile (22) of a material (24), and wherein the liquid absorbent layer (16) contains microcapsules (28), and means for adhering the microcapsules (28) to the material (24) of the pile (22).

35. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 28, further including a liquid-permeable cover layer (18), the liquid-absorbent layer (16) being positioned between the liquid permeable cover layer (18) and the liquid-impermeable layer (14).

36. (Previously Presented) A flat laminated material for absorption of body fluid comprising:

- a liquid-impermeable layer (14), and
- a liquid-absorbent layer (16) bonded to the liquid-impermeable layer (14), and
- a support layer (12) comprising a flexible network layer (34) and carrying the liquid-impermeable layer (14).

37. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 36, wherein the liquid-impermeable layer is a film or sheet material (14).
38. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 37, wherein the liquid-absorbent layer (16) includes a pile (22) of a material (24).
39. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 38, wherein the material (24) is selected from the group consisting of cotton and wool.
40. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 37, wherein the liquid-absorbent layer (16) is a fleece layer.
41. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 36, wherein the liquid-absorbent layer (16) contains microcapsules (28);
- the microcapsules (28) being filled with a substance (32); and
 - wherein the microcapsules (28) include a covering (30) that can be degraded or destroyed by at least one of pressure, temperature or moisture.
42. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 40, wherein the liquid absorbent layer (16) includes a pile (22) of a material (24), and wherein the liquid absorbent layer (16) contains microcapsules (28), and means for

adhering the microcapsules (28) to the material (24) of the pile (22).

43. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 36, further including a liquid-permeable cover layer (18), the liquid-absorbent layer (16) being positioned between the liquid permeable cover layer (18) and the liquid-impermeable layer (14).
44. (Previously Presented) A flat laminated composite material capable of being adapted to the body contour of a user, comprising:
- a liquid-impermeable layer (14), and
 - a liquid-absorbent layer (16) bonded to the liquid-impermeable layer (14), and
 - a support layer (12) comprising a flexible network layer (34) and carrying the liquid-impermeable layer (14).
45. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 44, wherein the liquid-impermeable layer is a film or sheet material (14).
46. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 45, wherein the liquid-absorbent layer (16) includes a pile (22) of a material (24).
47. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 46, wherein the material (24) is selected from the group consisting of cotton and wool.

48. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 45, wherein the liquid-absorbent layer (16) is a fleece layer.
49. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 44, wherein the liquid-absorbent layer (16) contains microcapsules (28);
- the microcapsules (28) being filled with a substance (32); and
 - wherein the microcapsules (28) include a covering (30) that can be degraded or destroyed by at least one of pressure, temperature or moisture.
50. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 48, wherein the liquid absorbent layer (16) includes a pile (22) of a material (24), and wherein the liquid absorbent layer (16) contains microcapsules (28), and means for adhering the microcapsules (28) to the material (24) of the pile (22).
51. (Previously Presented) The laminated composite material according to claim 44, further including a liquid-permeable cover layer (18), the liquid-absorbent layer (16) being positioned between the liquid permeable cover layer (18) and the liquid-impermeable layer (14).
52. (New) The laminated composite material according to claim 15, wherein the liquid-absorbent layer (16) comprises a wooly pile that is about three times the thickness of

the base layer.

53. (New) The laminated composite material according to claim 15, wherein the liquid-absorbent layer (16) is fleecy.